

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 TOKYO 16729 280842Z

ACTION EB-08

INFO OCT-01 EA-10 ISO-00 CCO-00 CIAE-00 OTPE-00 FCC-01

INR-07 NSAE-00 OC-06 USIA-06 COME-00 BIB-01 L-03

STR-05 /048 W

-----086568 290330Z /63

R 290803Z OCT 77

FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2336

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE TOKYO 16729

DEPT PASS USDOC

E.O.11652: N/A

TAGS: ETEL, JA

SUBJECT: TYMESHARE TIME SHARING SERVICES APPLICATION

REFS: (A) STATE 216250 (B) TOKYO 14189

SUMMARY. EMBASSY VISITED BY TOKYO KOKUSAI TYMESHARE REPRESENTATIVE WHO REQUESTED CONTINUED ASSISTANCE FROM EMBASSY AND WASHINGTON FOR TYMESHARE'S EFFORTS TO OBTAIN JAPANESE GOVERNMENT APPROVAL OF TYMESHARE'S TIME SHARING SERVICES APPLICATION. EMBASSY REQUESTS WASHINGTON VIEWS AND ADVICE ON FURTHER APPROACHES TO GOJ. END SUMMARY.

1. HOWARD N. SACHAR, DIRECTOR OF KOKUSAI TYMESHARE TOKYO OFFICE, VISITED EMBASSY ON OCTOBER 27 TO BRIEF US ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN TYMESHARE'S ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN MINISTRY OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS'S (MPT) APPROVAL FOR TIME SHARING SERVICES APPLICATION WHICH HAS NOW BEEN PENDING FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR.

2. AS REPORTED REFTEL B, EMBOFF VISITED MPT (COUNSELOR SHIRAI) ON SEPTEMBER 12 TO EXPRESS DEPARTMENT'S
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 TOKYO 16729 280842Z

PLEASURE WITH APPROVAL OF CONTROL DATA CORPORATION'S TIME SHARING SERVICES APPLICATION AND TO INQUIRE AS TO PROGRESS OF TYMESHARE APPLICATION. ADDITIONALLY, EMBOFF ACCOMPANIED FCC COMMISSIONER ROBERT E. LEE ON VISIT TO MPT (ADMINISTRATIVE VICE MINISTER HIROSE AND OTHERS) IN EARLY OCTOBER. LEE RAISED TYMESHARE APPLICATION MATTER WITH HIROSE AND STATED THAT U.S.

FOLLOWING CASE CLOSELY.

3. TYMESHARE'S REP, MR. SACHAR, HAS NOW CONVEYED HIS COMPANY'S GROWING CONCERN AND IMPATIENCE WITH WHAT THEY VIEW AS FOOT DRAGGING ON PART OF KDD, WHICH MUST AGREE TO APPLICATION BEFORE MPT CAN APPROVE IT. SACHAR STATED THAT KDD INVESTIGATION TEAM, WHICH VISITED TYMESHARE'S COMPUTER CENTER IN CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA IN SEPTEMBER, DID FIND CERTAIN PROBLEMS WITH CONFIGURATION OF OPERATIONS WHICH COULD HAVE RESULTED IN MESSAGE SWITCHING (ILLEGAL UNDER JAPANESE LAW). HOWEVER SACHAR INSISTS THAT THESE PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN CORRECTED. TYMESHARE AND ITT (WHICH HAS BEEN ACTING AS PART-TIME INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN TYMESHARE AND KDD) HAVE NOW RUN FURTHER TESTS ON CUPERTINO COMPUTER SYSTEM, AND TYMEWHARE BELIEVES ALL LEGITIMATE QUESTIONS THAT KDD MAY HAVE ON MESSAGE SWITCHING HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. ACCORDINGLY, TYMESHRE SEES NO LEGITIMATE REASON FOR HOLDING UP APPLICATION FURTHER.

4. SACHAR EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT KDD'S RELUCTANCE TO GIVE GREEN LIGHT FOR MPT APPROVAL OF TIME SHARING SERVICES APPLICATION IS DUE TO KDD'S DESIRE TO DELAY TYMESHARE OPERATIONS UNTIL KDD-ITT TIME SHARING SERVICES SYSTEM IS UNDER WAY. KDD-ITT TIME SHARING PLANS WERE REPORTED IN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE JAPAN ECONOMIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 TOKYO 16729 280842Z

JOURNAL ON OCTOBER 25. SACHAR ALSO BELIEVES THAT A SERIES OF VERY TECHNICAL QUESTIONS WHICH TYMESHARE HAS BEEN RECEIVING FROM KDD ABOUT ITS OPERATIONS RESULTS FROM KDD DESIRE TO PROBE INTO PROPRIETARY INFORMATION OF TYMESHARE. TYMESHARE HAS BEEN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS, BUT HAS DECIDED THAT ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO KDD AND THAT FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON TECHNICAL LEVEL UNNECESSARY AND UNWISE.

5. SACHAR NOW BELIEVES THAT SOME SORT OF POLITICAL INTERVENTION AT HIGH LEVEL IS NECESSARY TO SPUR KDD AND MPT TO APPROVING TYMESHARE'S APPLICATION. SACHAR HAS ALREADY ASKED TO TALK WITH STR STRAUSS IF LATTER COMES TO TOKYO. MR. ALDEN HEINTZ OF TYMESHARE OFFICE IN CUPERTINO IS REPORTED TO BE HAVING MEETINGS WITH FCC COMMISSIONER LEE THIS WEEK, AND SACHAR WILL BE SPEAKING WITH HEINTZ EARLY NEXT WEEK TO DETERMINE WHAT TYMESHARE'S NEXT MOVE SHOULD BE. DEPENDING UPON RESPONSIVENESS OF KDD (OR LACK OF RESPONSE) TO LATEST TESTS OF CUPERTINO COMPUTER SYSTEM, TYMESHARE MAY SEEK STRONGER U.S. G. EFFORTS TO BRING ISSUE TO A CONCLUSION. ONE POINT OF LEVERAGE WHICH SACHAR

SUGGESTED THE U.S. G. COULD CONSIDER USING IS WITH
HOLDING USDOC APPROVAL OF EXPORT LICENSE FOR TYME-
SHARE EQUIPMENT WHICH HE SAYS KDD AND ITT WILL BE
USING FOR THEIR JOINT TIME SHARING SERVICE OPERATIONS
IN JAPAN. ACCORDING TO SACHAR, TYMESHARE IS PRO-
HIBITED BY LAW FROM REFUSING TO SELL EQUIPMENT, BUT
USDOC APPROVAL IS NECESSARY BEFORE EXPORT CAN TAKE
PLACE.

6. EMBASSY REQUESTS WASHINGTON VIEWS ON TYMESHARE
CASE AND ON QUESTION OF HOW BEST TO ACQUIRE KDD
RESOLUTION OF PENDING APPLICATION IN NEAR FUTURE.
MANSFIELD

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TELECOMMUNICATION, JOINT VENTURES, COMPUTERS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 29-Oct-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977TOKYO16729
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770397-1244
Format: TEL
From: TOKYO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t1977106/aaaaaela.tel
Line Count: 128
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 00e5c02e-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 STATE 216250, 77 TOKYO 14189
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 17-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 915862
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TYMESHARE TIME SHARING SERVICES APPLICATION
TAGS: ETEL, JA, CDC, CONTROL DATA CORP
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/00e5c02e-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009